

critical for the over one million children who find themselves homeless every year. Homeless children are four times more likely to suffer from disabilities. Allowing children to carry over their IEPs when they switch schools will go a long way in helping these children get the best education possible.

The IDEA reauthorization bill improves the handling of discipline and safety issues for students with learning disabilities. It requires schools to determine if a special-needs student's behavior is the result of the disability itself or of poor IEP implementation when determining proper disciplinary action. Further, children who are subject to discipline cannot be put into alternate placement for indefinite periods of time and cannot have their educational program suspended altogether. This is another important step forward in the education of special-needs students.

Although I support this conference report, I am disappointed that it does not fully meet the commitment made by the federal government to our schools. The federal government has promised to cover 40 percent of the cost of IDEA. In reality, federal funding has consistently fallen short by as much as half. When we in Washington fail to fulfill our pledge to children with special needs, our federal mandates roll the burden over to state and local entities that are often forced to divert money from other crucially important programs to keep promises that we have not. This is unacceptable and cannot continue.

Nevertheless, this conference report represents an important step forward in securing basic educational rights for children with special needs. I support the bill and I urge my colleagues to do so as well.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO HARRY BALLARD HARRIS

#### HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 19, 2004*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Harry Ballard Harris, an outstanding gentleman and dedicated community member of Cisco, Utah. Harry has led a full life, including eighty years working as a cowboy and rancher and thirty years working for the State Highway Department of Utah. He recently celebrated his ninetieth birthday and it is a privilege to recognize his contributions to his community and his zest for life before this body of Congress and this Nation.

Harry grew up in Elgin, Utah, and began working as a ranch hand driving cattle at the age of sixteen. He worked for the Utah State Highway Department for thirty years in a remote area where sanding was shoveled by hand and medical care was not readily accessible. As a result, Harris became both a part-time medic and deputy sheriff. In 1975 he was awarded the outstanding male employee for his service to the state.

Harry also took river sediment samples for the Moab U.S. Geological Survey and received the John Campanius Holm award and the Thomas Jefferson award for providing weather information to the National Weather Service for more than thirty-seven years. He also served his community as an election judge and part-time school board member.

Harry married Wava Robb in 1937 and together they ran a small service station and the post office, where they encountered many interesting people from all over the world. There is even a Johnny Cash song that was inspired by an adventure in Cisco when Harry helped him change a flat tire.

After his wife's death in 1969, he married Ruth Maxine a few years later. Through their joint role working at the highway 128 service station they were named the 1986–1987 Tourism Ambassadors for the Canyonlands Travel Region. They promoted the area through colorful signs that talked of the scenic attractions of the area, recreational opportunities, locations of local churches and services to tourists and natives alike.

Mr. Speaker, Harry Ballard Harris is an outstanding member of his local Utah community who has served his local government and the people of Utah with dedication and pride for several years and remains a constant fixture of the lives of the people around him. I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this Nation to recognize his life and service. Thanks for all your hard work Harry and I look forward to congratulating you on your 100th birthday!

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 19, 2004*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, on November 16, 2004, I missed rollcall vote No. 531. Rollcall vote 531 was on recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge during World War II.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 531.

#### TRIBUTE TO PAUL LELAND BATEMAN

#### HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 19, 2004*

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Paul Leland Bateman, a constituent of mine from Cypress, California. Mr. Bateman passed away recently at the age of 94 from natural causes.

He was born in Redlands, California. He attended Gardena High School and participated in football and track. He went to Compton College where he also participated in football and track eventually winning a track scholarship to the University of Southern California (USC). At USC, he played on the 1931 and 1932 National Champion Trojan football teams under Howard Jones. As a member of the "Thundering Herd," he helped to break Notre Dame's 26 game winning streak and chalk up the Trojan's first victory in South Bend.

He met his future wife, Ruth Loupe when he was the driver for her school bus at Compton High School. They married in 1932 and moved to Lynwood. Mr. Bateman taught at Lynwood Jr. High School beginning in 1939 and then transferred to Compton College where he taught physics and coached football, baseball,

basketball and track for 33 years until his retirement.

During World War II he taught pre-flight ground school at Independence, California for the Army Air Corp. He also earned his wings, although he was never officially in the military.

He also worked as an engineering consultant in the development of specialized electrical motors for aircraft and aerospace applications. He owned and farmed dates at a large ranch near Hemet, California. Mr. Bateman was a life-long train hobbyist and traveled extensively on U.S. Railroads to see America.

Mr. Bateman participated in Compton Jr. Chamber of Commerce, served on a water board and was president of the Tanglewood Homeowners Association in Cypress, California.

He is survived by three daughters, Marcia Gilchrist, Patricia Pearce, and Linda Baham, as well as six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He is remembered for his achievements in athletics and engineering as well as his lifelong dedication to education.

#### GOODBYE, CONGRESSMAN QUINN AND CONGRESSMAN HOUGHTON

#### HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 19, 2004*

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I rise today to say goodbye to two of my mentors and friends, Congressmen QUINN and HOUGHTON.

When I first came to Washington, you both helped me find my way and helped me learn the ropes in the Congress. For that, I owe you both an enormous debt of gratitude.

JACK, you taught me that it is possible to strike a balance between Republican values and labor's needs. Essentially, how to be a New York Republican in Congress.

Since you've been here, you've always had the ability to distinguish between the political and the pragmatic, and you've built your reputation as a voice of reason in this sometimes-unreasonable world.

Your constituents always came first, and if your successor can serve the twenty-seventh district of our great state of New York remotely as well as you have, they will be in good hands. Well done, my friend.

Congressman HOUGHTON, you sir, are the epitome of the American statesman. Frankly, your many accomplishments speak for themselves, and your long and distinguished record both in business and in government guarantees you a place in the Pantheon of New York's public servants.

You have much to be proud of, but I suspect your finest hour came with passage of the Liberty Zone Act, which provided billions to help our fellow New Yorkers in Manhattan rebuild from the rubble of the 9/11 attacks. For that, all New Yorkers owe you their sincere thanks.

AMO, JACK, I wish you nothing but the best as you leave the Congress today, having done a great service to America.

Your constituents thank you, our Nation thanks you, and as you return home, finally able to spend more time with your beloved families, I wish to convey the thanks of the family you're leaving behind here in Washington.